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as school teachers, though to some extent they were engaged in the then beginning factories. HARRIET MARTINEAU reported in 1840 that she found only seven employments open to women, but now, as the tables of the last census show, these have been increased until they include almost every variety of employment in which men are also engaged. Here is a list of some of the more important occupations into which women have entered since that time, and of the number of women engaged in them:

Artists and teachers of art.	12,062
Clergymen.	3,373
Government officials.	8,119
Physicians and surgeons.	7,387
Lawyers.	1,010
Literary and scientific.	5,994
Musicians and teachers of music.	52,340
Nurses.	108,681
Bookkeepers.	74,153
Clerks and copyists.	85,246
Merchants.	34,845
Salesmen.	149,230
Stenographers and typewriters.	86,118
Telegraph and telephone.	22,866
Boot and shoe makers.	29,910

These are a very few of the present employments of women from which they were excluded at the time when the Seneca Falls convention of 1848 protested, amid general derision, against the exclusion of women from "nearly all profitable employments" and against "the scanty remuneration she receives from those she is permitted to follow." "All colleges are closed against her," said this famous protest, "all the avenues to wealth and distinction; and the accusation was justified."

We congratulate the *Club Woman* and all womanhood on the remarkable progress which has been made in the emancipation of women from the restraints, social and legal, which bound them at the time when ELIZABETH CADY STANTON began her agitation in their behalf less than fifty-six years ago. So far as women are concerned the whole face of American society has changed, and the change has been for the better, for men and women both.

Protection in Canada.

While Canada's economic future will probably depend for many years to come upon her agricultural development, her fiscal policy is almost certain to be determined, primarily, upon the basis of her manufacturing interests. Whether the Liberals, nominally supporting a free trade policy, or the Conservatives, openly advocating increased protection to home industries, be in control of the Government, the question of the tariff rate on articles of possible manufacture in Canada promises to be the dominant factor in Canada's fiscal policy.

The key to all doubtless lies in the iron industry. If Canada's iron mines will yield ore, in quantity and quality, that will enable manufacturers to compete successfully with American and English products, in steel rails, structural iron, plates, rods, billets, and all the wide range of manufacturing lines of which iron and steel are the foundation, a protective policy may be a safe and wise course for Canadian adoption. Upon no other of her possible resources can she stand with reasonable safety in the adoption of a really protective system.

At present her iron industry is indeterminate, if not essentially speculative. In addition to a moderate tariff barrier she is paying very liberal bounties to the producers of iron and steel. Yet even this is apparently insufficient for the present requirements of her iron and steel industries. A few days ago representatives of her most important and most extensive iron interests called upon the Minister of Finance for a consultation regarding an increase in tariff rates. They declared their inability to compete successfully with the iron and steel products of the United States, and asserted that American companies were to-day selling rails, billets, and other products in the Canadian market at prices which they could not meet and show a profit in their business.

A persistent fear in Canada at all times in an apprehension of American use of Canada as an overflow market at slaughter prices. This appeared in the interview with the Minister of Finance. His visitors stated that steel billets are now being offered at as low as \$20 a ton in Canada, whereas a few months ago Canadian manufacturers were asking and getting from \$24 to \$26 a ton for pig iron. They declared that American rails were being offered at from \$4 to \$8 a ton less than the quotations in the American market.

Against this condition it is difficult to see how Canada or any other country can protect itself. If an English cotton manufacturer sees fit, for reasons of his own, to offer sheetings to American buyers at a cent a yard, or if the Dominion Coal Company saw fit to offer coal at the Boston market at \$1.50 a ton, no way is apparent by which the American mill or the American miner could be protected. All that is a trade condition, which finds quite as forcible illustration in domestic competition as in international.

The large dealer with cash to buy cheaply crowds heavily upon the small merchant who is striving for a commercial foothold. This crowding goes on in Montreal and Toronto exactly as it does in New York and Chicago. It is doubtful if any form of bounty or protection, or combination thereof, short of a fiscal and economic absurdity, can guard against commercial conditions which are and which have become established as legitimate, although they may not be altogether altruistic. But business and altruism are not synonymous terms.

Our Canadian neighbors may be trusted to deal wisely with their own concerns. Their conclusions regarding their wisest fiscal policy may not meet with entire approval on our side of the line, but before we criticize them for any policy which they may adopt we shall do well to remember that on the other hand they are not altogether delighted with some of our fiscal and commercial methods. Canada is facing new conditions which have arisen out of her recent wonderful development, and neither her people nor those on our side of the line should expect that she will at once effect a perfect adjustment. If they do,

they will show themselves wiser than we have been, wiser than we are.

The Sault and Cape Breton may be regarded as the determining factors in Canada's fiscal policy. Upon their success there will depend in large measure the success of a Canadian policy of protection.

Mr. Austin Moves Onward.

Our esteemed neighbor, the *Times*, has given "the glad hand" to the glad New Year, and made that infant and all of us thoroughly happy. It has induced its London namesake to send to our sea for us, to let us know that Mr. ALFRED AUSTIN is "Moving Onward" harmoniously, with all his music in him. Seldom has there been a sweeter pumping of sound. Some may prefer the Laureate in his unofficial and gentle rural vein, but we love him best when his singing robes are well starched and his lips tremble with a great message. Previous carrier's addresses may have made us familiar with:

"Years moving onward, onward, whence and whither and why?"

Age after age in the self-same world, with the self-same stars in the sky."

Dr. PARKHURST, who feels that he could have made a much better world than this old self-same institution, would have greeted 1904 with a sterner phrase: "Year moving open, open. Stench of sulphur I smell!"

If Mr. AUSTIN has not the dark sublimity of Mr. PARKHURST, at least he has attained to something of Mr. KIPPLING's football rush and "rough-house" manner: "Mailed mastodons ploughing the main, their backs bulging over the foam, watching to vent forth lethal fire and drive desolation home."

Mr. KIPPLING would have been a little more concrete in the second line, and perhaps the English postal regulations don't permit the mailing of mastodons; but the image is horrendous and of vast displacement. A mailed mastodon, ploughing and then seasick? What? RUDY KIPPLING? Undoubtedly Mr. AUSTIN describes himself when he talks of "moving, melting slowly on to become a poet and sing."

When he catches the "outlooking gaze of the dandelion down and the droop of declining day," he seems to hark back to Mr. SWINBURNE, but soon KIPPLING has a majority:

"To gather the tumult of every tide and the fury of every blast."

And fresh thunders of thought upon the freshening storms of the past:

British sentinels standing mute at the fortress gates of the world."

And the British flag on every sea with its splendid symbol unfurled."

Carrying liberty, reverence, law, wherever waves pulses reach."

To baleland quay, to highway, stream, and palm-ventilated beach."

FRANKLIN snatched the lightning. AUSTIN plays the thunder. If the British sentinels are mute, it is because they are wondering if their country is as well prepared for war as when it was carrying liberty and trying to carry kippies in South Africa.

Lot the poor Moujik:

"Lovers, husbands, like you, like me, torn from their homes afar."

Marching, marching, onward and on, doing the will of the Tsar."

Part slinking and snarling, white-fanged sloth, through limitless leagues of snow."

Moon after moon of monotonous months till the blue-eyed sleeping blow."

And the cold-sleeping rivers yawn and wake and mightily dash and flow."

Peasant mother and maiden left at their desolate door afar."

Walls of sons and lovers march onward, deathward, doing the will of the Tsar."

Desolate doors have as good right to be ajar as beautiful gates, but what is a white-fanged sloth? Is he a mailed megatherium? Is he a white-fanged mydolon? He can't be a dog of war, for though he snarls, he slinks. Did the cable falter in the task of transmission? Is the right ending this:

"Pass, wading and wearing unmingled shins."

Never mind. All's well with the world:

"For British sentinels stand erect at the fortress gates of the world."

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